

For over half a century Mother Teresa devoted herself to that great cause.

She won the Nobel Prize in 1979 and was the recipient of countless other honors and notices.

None of the accolades changed her lifestyle or her commitment.

Missionaries of Charity grew from a dozen sisters to over 3,000 sisters in more than 500 missions in more than 100 countries.

Mother Teresa became a symbol of compassion and inclusion, of the struggle to address the needs of the poor, to provide every human, regardless of circumstances a basic dignity.

It is appropriate that the beatification of Mother Teresa will take place on October 19, 2003. It is another important step in the revered path to sainthood.

The life of Mother Teresa has become a symbol for all of us, a message that the great mass of poor people on this earth should no longer be invisible.

Her legacy is one that we could all do well to emulate and we can only trust that legacy will continue to find a place in the hearts of all humankind.

TAIWAN'S REPUBLIC DAY

HON. PHILIP M. CRANE

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 8, 2003

Mr. CRANE. Mr. Speaker, Taiwan will be celebrating its Republic Day this October 10. On behalf of my constituents, I wish to express my congratulations to the people of Taiwan on this happy occasion.

Since 1949 when members of the anticommunist Kuomintang Party established its government, Taiwan has grown and flourished. Today it is a thriving multiparty democracy with an equally robust free market economy.

In 1952 less than 60 percent of its people over the age of 15 could read and write. Today Taiwan has a literacy rate of 94 percent.

Politically, Taiwan has continued its democratization process and its people enjoy the fruits of living in a free and open society. Taiwan has 12 officially recognized religions, including Buddhism, Daoism (Taoism), Roman Catholicism, Protestantism, and Islam. In 2000, Taiwan underwent its first peaceful transfer of power from the Nationalist to the Democratic Progressive Party. Throughout this period, the island prospered and became one of East Asia's economic "Tigers."

This is because Taiwan has a dynamic capitalist economy that is continually being de-regulated as formerly government-owned enterprises are being privatized.

Taiwan is a major trading partner of the United States. In 2002, total Taiwan-U.S. trade in goods amounted to over \$50 billion. This past year my home state of Illinois exported more than \$289 million of goods to Taiwan.

I hope that friendly relations between America and our ally Taiwan remain strong and continue to grow closer and wish the citizens of Taiwan well on their national holiday.

HONORING THE 92ND TAIWAN NATIONAL DAY

HON. JOHN S. TANNER

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 8, 2003

Mr. TANNER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the upcoming anniversary of National Day in the Republic of China on Taiwan. On October 10 of this year, the Republic of China on Taiwan will celebrate its 92nd National Day anniversary.

I commend President Chen Shui-bian and Vice President Annette Lu for their leadership in helping Taiwan improve its domestic economy and increase its participation in the international economy. Taiwan has become one of our largest trading partners.

Every year, the United States celebrates its independence on July 4th, honoring our nation's history and the ideals on which our great nation was founded. This week, Taiwan will celebrate a similar anniversary, which historically marks the beginnings of economic, social and political success that have helped Taiwan become so important to the international marketplace.

Mr. Speaker, on this 92nd occasion of Taiwan's National Day, let us send our best wishes to the twenty-two million residents who live on the island. It is also important to remember that Taiwan has a strong relationship with the United States, and we hope this relationship will continue to flourish and grow in the years to come.

TRIBUTE TO ROY ALTMAN

HON. SCOTT MCINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 8, 2003

Mr. MCINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise before this body of Congress and this nation today to pay tribute to a great citizen from my district. Pastor Roy Altman of Silt, Colorado recently announced his retirement from the Glenwood Springs First Presbyterian Church. Roy is a man of devotion and humility whose hard work and dedication to his friends and neighbors shows a spirit of charity all too rare in today's society. For his tireless work and commitment to his community, I am honored to rise and recognize Roy's many contributions here today.

Roy was ordained thirty-eight years ago at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary, and he worked with several churches before moving to Colorado in 1981 to take over as pastor at the Glenwood Springs First Presbyterian Church. At First Presbyterian, Roy forged strong ties to the community, which he serves in many ways. He volunteers on the board of directors for Mountain Valley Developmental Services and ministers to the sick at Valley View Hospital. Roy is well respected in his community, and he is widely known as the unofficial chaplain of the 19th Street Diner. Roy has guided First Presbyterian and the greater community for twenty-one years. He will be greatly missed.

Mr. Speaker, Roy Altman is a kind and devoted spiritual leader who many in the Glenwood Springs community turn to for inspiration

and guidance in their daily lives. He has devoted nearly forty years to guiding his parishioners, and I am honored to join with my colleagues in recognizing his service here today. Thanks for your tireless work and efforts, Roy. I wish you all the best in your retirement.

HONORING THE NORTH COAST HEALTH MINISTRY

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 8, 2003

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and recognize the North Coast Health Ministry on the occasion of the dedication of their new home on Detroit Avenue in Lakewood, Ohio.

In 1986, North Coast Health Ministries began seeing patients one night a week in Dr. Elmer's Office at St. John West Shore. Since that time, North Coast Health Ministries has been providing free medical services for low-income uninsured individuals in western Cuyahoga and eastern Lorain Counties. Last year, the Ministry provided for 5,170 patient visits through staff and volunteer physicians, nurses and clerical support teams.

In 1988 the Ministry moved to Lakewood and has since been occupying space donated by Lakewood Hospital. In July of 2003, North Coast Health Ministries received a three-year capital grant from the Elisabeth Severance Prentiss Foundation that allowed it to purchase a new home in Lakewood debt-free.

This new facility will allow staff and volunteers to serve their patients more efficiently in a warm and welcoming environment. It will also provide for increasing visibility in the community which will allow North Coast Health Ministry to reach more patients.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in recognizing North Coast Health Ministry's efforts to give back to the community. I encourage all citizens to support North Coast Health Ministry in its mission of serving the poor and uninsured in this time of growing need.

CONFERENCE REPORT ON S. 3, PARTIAL-BIRTH ABORTION BAN ACT OF 2003

SPEECH OF

HON. JOHN BOOZMAN

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 2, 2003

Mr. BOOZMAN. Mr. Speaker, I voted in support of S. 3, the Partial-Birth Abortion Ban Act of 2003. This legislation, passed by the House of Representatives on October 2, 2003, will outlaw the horrific act of partial birth abortion.

My colleagues and I are sending the President comprehensive legislation that protects the sanctity of life. The Partial-Birth Abortion Ban will save the lives of thousands of unborn. It will protect women from going through this evasive, harmful procedure.

The American public has become educated on how this procedure is done. The abortionist intentionally delivers the baby feet first and stops with the head still in the mother. They then puncture the skull of the child and remove the brain. The skull collapses and the